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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BPL STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance is provided to the students belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the premier Government colleges such as Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the guidelines for Private Universities concerning to scholarships for students belonging to BPL families?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) : While the fee payable by the IIT students is gender-neutral, the SC/ST students are exempted from payment of tuition fees irrespective of their parental income. They are also entitled to travelling allowance (II class train fare/ordinary bus fare) from the place of residence to the Institute to join the B.Tech. Programmes. The SC/ST students admitted to the B.Tech and Dual Degree programmes are given free book bank facilities. The students, whose parental income is below Rs. 4.50 lakh per annum are entitled to free hostel seat, basic messing and pocket allowance. Under the Merit-Cum-Means Scholarship, students (Other than SC/ST categories), upto 25% of intake strength, whose annual parental income is less than Rs. 6.00 lakh, are also exempted from payment of tuition fee and are paid a stipend for ten months in an academic year.

Besides scholarships from the State Government, the students in IIMs get various central government scholarships from Ministry of Human Resources Development, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Minority Affairs. IIMs ensure that no student from poor and weaker section is deprived of higher education due to financial constraints.

(c) : There are no guidelines for Private Universities concerning scholarships for students belonging to BPL families.